GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6200
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2001
EVASION OF EXCISE DUTY
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai based Baron International evaded excise duty worth Rs. 100 crore;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government`s attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned `VERMA-AKAI nexus` appearing in the Pioneer` dated April 8, 2001;

(d) whether the Government have ordered a fresh inquiry in the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(g) the further steps taken by the Government to realise outstanding excise duty from the Baron International?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): 4 show cause notices alleging evasion of Central Excise duty of Rs. 53.56 crore were issued to M/s Baron International and others for the period December 1994 to June 1997. Out of this, Rs. 5.49 crore has been confirmed in adjudication order.

(c) to (f): Yes, Sir. The adjudication order has not been accepted by the Department and the same was reviewed by the Central Board of Excise & Customs in December, 1999 and an Appeal has been filed in the Customs Excise Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT).

(g): M/s Baron International has also filed an appeal in the CEGAT and stay has been granted on the recoveries.